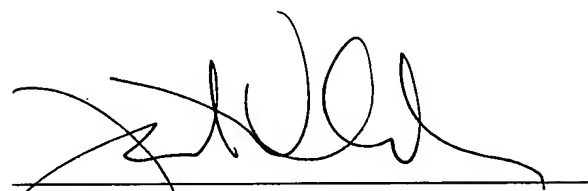


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-3, 6, 8-10, 13, 15-17, and 19 are pending. Claims 21-35 have been newly added. Claims 21-35 are directed to protection of a recloser and include the features of protecting a recloser by setting the recloser to function in accordance with a behavior function. The behavior function is based on a protection setting group and the present condition of a load current. The prior art Nelson reference (U.S. Patent No. 6,347,027) is not directed to the protection of a recloser, but instead is directed to determining whether a recloser should function as a switch or a recloser. Moreover, the current described in Nelson is a high interrupting current, and is not a load current, as required by claims 21-35.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance. Early notification to this effect is respectfully requested.

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